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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the finding of allowability in claims 6 and 7 and respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1-40 were previously pending.

Claims 1 and 7-8 are amended.

Canceled: claims 5-6 and the unnumbered claim are canceled.

Claim 41 is new, but is an exact copy of the canceled unnumbered claim that previously resided between claims 31 and 32.

Pending claims are 1-4, 7-33, and 41.

To advance prosecution of this patent application to allowance, Applicant requests that renumbered claims 34-40 be canceled without prejudice. Rejection of these canceled claims is moot in view of their cancellation. These cancellations are intended to leave only allowable claims remaining in the application.

Claims 5-6 are also canceled because their limitations have been moved to claim 1.

The unnumbered claim between claims 31 and 32 has been canceled in its unnumbered form and added back as new claim 41.

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Claim 1

Claim 6 was held to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is the base claim of claim 6, and claim 5 was an intervening claim. The limitations of claims 6 and 5 are now moved into claim 1, thus rendering claim 1 the allowable claim that results when claim 6 is rewritten as suggested by the Office.

Claims 2-4 and 7-33

Claims 2-4 and 7-33 depend from claim 1. Dependent claims contain the language of the claims from which they depend. Because claim 1 has been rewritten in allowable form, Applicant submits that claims 2-4 and 7-33 are now allowable too.

Claim 7 has been amended to have its dependency changed from claim 6 (now canceled), to claim 1, which now includes claim 6 and intervening claim 5. As such claim 7 is now allowable.

Claim 8 has been amended to have its dependency changed from claim 5 (now canceled), to claim 1, which now includes claim 5. As such claim 8 is now allowable.

Claim 41

New claim 41 is dependent on claim 31, which is dependent on claim 1. New claim 41 is the same as the canceled unnumbered claim that formerly resided between claim 31 and claim 32. Claim 41 depends indirectly

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from claim 1. Dependent claims contain the language of the claims from which they depend. Because claim 1 has been rewritten in allowable form, Applicant submits that claim 41 is now allowable too.

CONCLUSION

Applicant is grateful for the prior finding of allowability, and respectfully suggests that claims 1-4, 7-33, and 41 are now in condition for allowance. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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